

REMARKS

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated July 12, 2005. Claims 1 - 39 are pending in the application. Claims 1 - 24, 28, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37 and 39 have been withdrawn from consideration and are herein canceled. Claims 25 - 27 and 30 are rejected. Claims 32, 34, 36 and 38 are objected to.

In response to this Office Action Applicant has elected to amend allowable claim 32 to place it in independent form and to cancel claims rejected on the basis of prior art.

Claim Objections

Both claims 27 and 32 were objected to because the claims recited an "epitaxy process in the residual portion. . ." In amended claim 32 at line 8 up from the bottom, Applicant has changed the word "the" to "a" in order to initially recite residual portion.

In claim 32, in the next to the last line, Applicant has not amended the reference to "the" residual portion of the spreading layer because this clearly refers to the residual portion initially recited in the paragraph immediately above. It is, therefore, respectfully submitted that proper antecedent basis has been provided for the terms objected to by the Examiner.

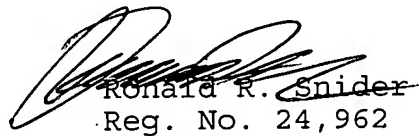
Claim 30 has been canceled.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Applicant has canceled claims rejected under 35 USC § 103 and has redrafted claim 32 in order to place claims 32, 34, 36 and 38 in condition for allowance. Such allowance is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance, and early action in accordance thereof is requested. In the event there is any reason why the application cannot be allowed in this current condition, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned at the number listed below to resolve any problems by Interview or Examiner's Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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